

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Shortage of Soldiers

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of soldiers in the Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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- (a) & (b): The shortage of JCOs / Other Ranks, Sailors and Airmen in the Army, Navy and Air Force, respectively is given as under:-
- Army
(as on 1.1.2017) Navy
(as on 31.5.2017) Air Force
(as on 1.7.2017)

25,472* 13,373 13,785

*In so far as the Army is concerned the existing shortages, vis-a-vis the total strength is nominal.

(c) The Government has taken a number of measures to reduce the shortages. These include augmentation of training capacity, sustained image projection, motivational lectures in schools, participation in career fairs and exhibitions and publicity campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging career in the Armed Forces.
